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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-46 (canceled)

Claim 47 (currently amended): A method of operation for a server in a navigation system comprising:

on the server, using a repository for geographic data, wherein the repository contains a plurality of pre-computed parcels of geographic data, wherein the geographic data in each of the parcels represent geographic features contained in a separate one of a plurality of geographic sub-areas into which a geographic region is divided;

receiving a request for a route from an origin to a destination;

calculating a route from said origin to said destination;

after said step of calculating the route, using the calculated route to identify the geographic sub-areas that are crossed by the calculated route;

identifying the parcels that contain the data that represent the geographic features encompassed in the geographic sub-areas that the route passes through;

transmitting ~~to a mobile unit~~ data that represents the calculated route to an end user computing platform; and

transmitting ~~to a mobile unit~~ all of the data contained in the parcels that contain the data that represent the geographic features encompassed in the geographic sub-areas said route passes through to the end user computing platform.

Claim 48 (previously presented): The method of Claim 47 wherein said parcels of geographic data are less than a maximum data size.

Claim 49 (canceled).

Claim 50 (currently amended): The method of Claim 47 further comprising:

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storing said transmitted parcels in a memory associated with the ~~mobile unit~~ end user computing platform.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The method of Claim 47 further comprising:
using data from said provided parcels to display a map.

Claim 52 (previously presented): The method of Claim 47 further comprising:
using data from said provided parcels to explicate said route.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The method of Claim 47 further comprising:
using data from said provided parcels to find information about a point of interest based upon specified criteria.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The method of Claim 53 wherein the specified criteria include location-based criteria.

Claim 55 (previously presented): The method of Claim 47 wherein the repository includes a plurality of collections of geographic data, wherein each collection represents the entire geographic region, wherein each collection is organized into a plurality of parcels, each of said parcels is less than a maximum size, and wherein the parcels in one of said plurality of collections contains data that represents different attributes of the represented geographic features than the parcels in another of said plurality of collections.

Claim 56 (currently amended): A navigation system comprising:
a server;
a repository for geographic data, wherein the repository contains pre-computed parcels of geographic data, wherein each of the pre-computed parcels of geographic data corresponds to a separate one of a plurality of geographic sub-areas into which a geographic region is divided;
a route calculation application performed on the server that calculates a route from an origin to a destination; and

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a geographic data providing application performed on the server that uses the calculate route to identify the geographic sub-areas that are crossed by the calculated route;

transmitting to a client computing platform from the server data that represents the calculated route; and

transmitting to the client computing platform from said repository all of the data contained in a plurality of the parcels that contain the data that represent the geographic features encompassed in said geographic sub-areas said route passes through.

Claim 57 (previously presented): The navigation system of Claim 56 wherein said pre-computed parcels of geographic data have a substantially uniform data size.

Claim 58 (previously presented): The navigation system of Claim 56 wherein said repository for geographic data and said geographic data providing application are associated with the server.

Claim 59 (previously presented): The navigation system of Claim 56 further comprising:
a route guidance application that uses data contained in said parcels from a local memory associated with said client computing platform to provide maneuvering instructions for following said route.

Claim 60 (previously presented): The navigation system of Claim 56 further comprising:
a map display application that uses data contained in said parcels from a local memory associated with said client computing platform to provide a map of said route on a display.

Claim 61 (previously presented): The navigation system of Claim 56 further comprising:
a positioning application that uses data contained in said parcels from a local memory associated with said client computing platform to determine a position of a end user computing platform relative to roads represented by data contained in said parcels.

Claim 62 (previously presented): The navigation system of Claim 56 further comprising:

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a positioning application that uses data contained in said parcels from a local memory associated with said client computing platform to determine whether an end user computing platform has departed from said route.

Claim 63 (previously presented): The navigation system of Claim 62 wherein if said end user computing platform has departed from said route, said positioning application calculates a way back to said route using data contained in said parcels from local memory.

Claim 64 (currently amended): A method of operation for a navigation system comprising:
on a server, using a repository for geographic data, wherein the repository contains a plurality of parcels of geographic data, wherein each of said parcels contain routing data corresponding to a separate one of a plurality of geographic sub-areas into which a geographic region is divided;

receiving a request for a route from a mobile computing platform;

calculating said route;

after said step of calculating the route, identifying the geographic sub-areas that the calculated route passes through; and

wirelessly transmitting data representing said route from the server to said mobile computing platform; and

wirelessly transmitting to said mobile computing platform from said repository all of the data contained in the parcels ~~that contain data~~ that represent the geographic features encompassed in the geographic sub-areas located along said route.

Claim 65 (previously presented): The method of Claim 64 further including:

storing said parcel in a local memory associated with said mobile computing platform;
and

using data from said parcels in said local memory to provide navigation-related features.